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The specification and abstract have been amended to make editorial changes therein, bearing in mind the criticisms in the Official Action, to place the application in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 1-4, 7, 9, 12-19, 22, 24-25, and 33 were rejected as anticipated by KESSENICH et al. 6,034,680 and the remainder of the claims were rejected as unpatentable over KESSENICH et al. in view of further references. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The new claims are directed to embodiments of the present invention in which the electronic documents are displayed and arranged in electronic books where the books include system pages that provide access to the electronic books for consulting and altering the structure of the electronic books. In other words, the system pages allow the user to take action on the contents of the books by using the system pages generated within the electronic books.

In contrast, KESSENICH et al. provide a system that provides supplemental information from the Internet about the book being read. The reference does not disclose or suggest the steps of generating the system pages and altering the structure of the electronic book using the system pages. The user cannot take action on the contents of the books provided in the KESSENICH et al. system. Accordingly, the new claims avoid the rejection under §102.
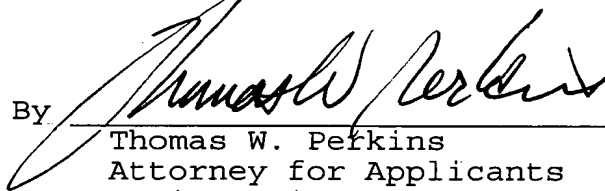
The suggested combinations with the other references also do not disclose or suggest these steps and thus the new claims also avoid the rejection under §103.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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